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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1937

The meeting this week of the Friends of the Library Society, formed to support the Fisher Memorial Library, was an interesting one. It served to show that interest in the Library is not by any means dormant, even though sufficient funds are not always available to carry it on as efficiently as it should be.

We wonder if our citizens quite realize what an asset we have in the library. Experts in architecture pronounce it to be a gem. It is a library building such as, we are informed, no other small town in the Maritimes possesses, or very few large ones for that matter. It has a fine collection of reference and standard works, although its current fiction and magazine section has gone down in recent years through lack of funds. It has an efficient librarian doing a fine work at a much smaller remuneration than is paid elsewhere for similar work.

It is an institution of which the town may well be proud, and is one which we would not have had if we had not been given it, for it is a type of building which no town of this size could well afford to acquire had it been necessary to build it with the taxpayers' money.

During recent years financing the library has been a question at all times pressing and some times even acute. It is hinted among those close to the library that such a time is approaching, if not now at hand.

The estate which provided so much of the money necessary for its maintenance has not been able to contribute so largely of late as it used to, and during depression years the town grant was reduced from \$1,200 a year to \$1,080, not a large reduction but a serious matter where every dollar already had to be carefully counted and stretched to the utmost.

Valuable as the library has been in the past it could be made still more

so if its current works were kept more up to date, and if the facilities which it offers were more generally used. (For example if the much talked of project of a local museum were carried out we understand a room in the library is available where valuable relics could be exhibited, many of which instead may fall into decay.)

It would be most regrettable if for any reason the work of this fine institution were suspended or even seriously impaired. This is the time for it to be placed some way or somehow upon a sound basis. It is still functioning efficiently, and now is the time to ensure that it continues to do so.

The officers and men of the Carleton-York Regiment are receiving congratulations on winning the 16th Infantry Brigade Cup for general efficiency. The honor is a high one as competition in the New Brunswick militia at present is very keen. Both the North Regiment and the New Brunswick Rangers had fine units in camp this year, and both made a strong effort to win the coveted award.

This of course is the first time that the Carleton-Yorks as such have won the trophy, for this was their first annual training since the reorganization. To their commanding officer, Lt. Col. Manzer, and those of his officers and men who are in the new unit the honor is not a new one. The old Carleton Light Infantry set a mark which will probably stand during the lifetime of this generation at least by capturing the trophy five years in a row.

Events in the Far East continue to be most alarming. Incident has followed incident during recent weeks, culminating a few days ago with the

sinking of an American steamer and the bombing of a British steamer by the Japanese. As in previous cases the Japanese government has apologized, but in spite of these apologies very strong notes have been sent to Tokyo demanding guarantees against any similar occurrences in the future. Doubtless the present situation will be smoothed over, but it is to be feared that other and probably even more serious difficulties will arise in the coming months.

From this distance it seems as if the Japanese army and navy are out of hand so far as the Japanese government is concerned. If this is really the case plenty of trouble may be looked for.

Even more alarming than any isolated incident is the manner with which Japanese power is extending.

In an almost unbelievably short space of time they have established an absolute dominance over a large portion of the best part of China. Will their aggression stop there? Probably not; and if it continues it is hardly possible that vital British interests will not soon be seriously prejudiced.

Not only are Britain's own interests to be considered, but it must also be remembered that Britain has guaranteed by treaty the neutrality of the Dutch East Indies, on which the Japanese have long cast covetous eyes.

The situation in the far east now contains all the elements which could produce a world embroglio.

USE MAIL BOXES

Word has been received from the postal authorities asking the business

men and citizens to use the mail boxes or to post their mail at the post office. This will enable it to be sorted at the Woodstock post office and will ensure its prompt delivery at its destination. If mail is placed aboard the mails cars loose the clerks at this time of year cannot handle it, and it is delivered in bulk at Saint John or Montreal, where it is sorted when time permits.

It will be readily seen that this will mean later delivery for the loose mail than will be the case for mail posted properly. Citizens, not only to relieve the heavy pressure on postal staffs at the Christmas season, but also to make sure their letters and parcels are delivered promptly should be careful to use the mail boxes or the post office.

Fredericton, Dec. 14—After retaining the Marven trophy against all-comers during the past seven months, the Palace Alleys of Fredericton, lost the "old mug" tonight to an aggregation from Woodstock when they were outpointed in every string and were 110 points behind on the grand total. Fredericton's score was 1,483 and Woodstock 1,593.

The Woodstock trundlers took the first string with 502 points, the second with 538 and third with 553, while Fredericton scores were 486, 511 and 486.

Blake, lead-off man for Woodstock had the high three-string total with 345, making 121 on his first string 123 on the second and 101 on the third, Arnold, second man for Woodstock, with a total of 318 pins had the high single of 138.

The scores:
Woodstock—

Blake	121	123	101	345
Arnold	86	94	138	318
Rolfe	99	99	108	306
Allan	89	108	109	306
Taylor	107	114	97	318

Payton	107	114	91	918
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Totals	502	538	553	1593
Fredericton—				
Duffy	102	100	91	293
Timmins	100	110	107	317
Howell	91	88	83	262
Clark	96	112	111	319
King	97	101	94	292
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Totals	486	511	486	1483

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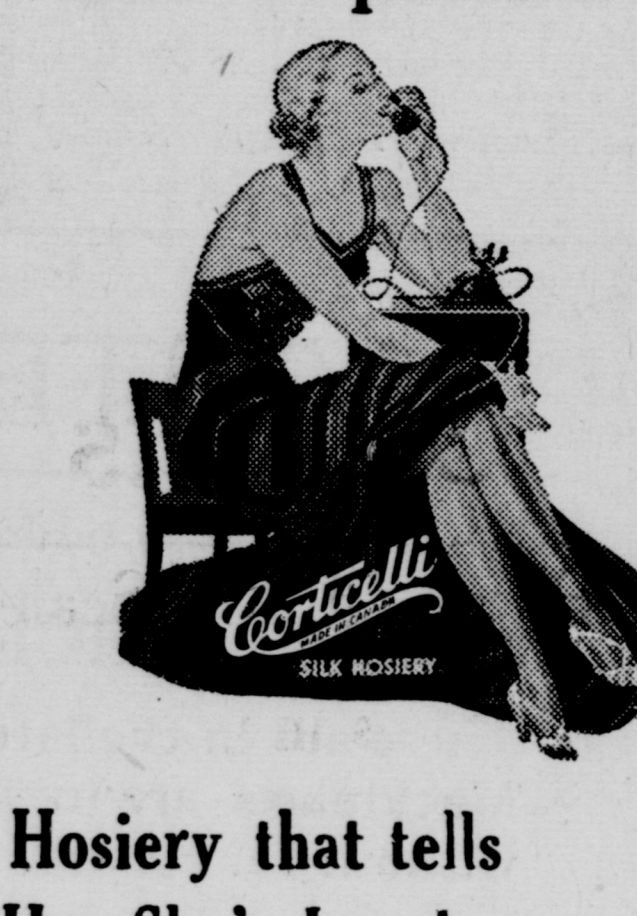
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